

Joye Lowman, M.D.

1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA
3 AT CHARLESTON
4 IN RE: ETHICON, INC., MASTER FILE NUMBER
5 PELVIC REPAIR SYSTEM 2:12-MD-02327
6 PRODUCTS LIABILITY
7 LITIGATION MDL 2327
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9 JOSEPH R. GOODWIN
10 U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

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9 GENERAL TVT OPINIONS
10 OF JOYE LOWMAN, M.D.

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13 DEPOSITION OF
14 JOYE LOWMAN, M.D.

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16 June 24, 2016
17 9:10 a.m.

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20 Suite 5300
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23 Thomas R. Brezina, CRR, RMR, CCR-B-2035
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1 those products, no.

2 Q Was there any organized discussion as to
3 what the appropriate or what would be the best
4 alternative means of treatment for patients as a
5 result of those withdrawals?

6 MR. RUMANEK: Objection to form.

7 THE WITNESS: No.

8 BY MR. THOMPSON:

9 Q Doctor, in your report you indicated that
10 you have placed approximately 800 TVT and TVT-O
11 devices. Is that correct? I'm at page 2.

12 A Yes.

13 Q And do you use both TVT and TVT-O?

14 A No.

15 Q What do you use --

16 A The TVT.

17 Q -- currently? Did you ever use TVT-O?

18 A I have used it before, yes.

19 Q And is there a reason why you exclusively
20 use TVT today?

21 MR. RUMANEK: Objection to form.

22 THE WITNESS: Yes. The retropubic route
23 has a lower risk of pelvic pain and groin pain
24 and has a higher success rate --

1 BY MR. THOMPSON:

2 Q I see.

3 A -- than obturator slings.

4 Q And was there a date that you can point
5 to that that was the date that you felt that the
6 evidence that you have just recited was sufficient for
7 you to not use TVT-O anymore?

8 MR. RUMANEK: Objection to form.

9 THE WITNESS: No.

10 BY MR. THOMPSON:

11 Q That was just over -- if I went to 2010,
12 were you still using both?

13 A No.

14 Q If I went to 2008?

15 A No.

16 Q I see. So while you were either in
17 residency or fellowship, you made that determination?

18 A That's correct.

19 Q And are you -- like I say, you described
20 your position as an -- and in my mind I have sort of a
21 supervisory thought process, but I guess the question
22 is, your personal decision that the TVT is superior to
23 the TVT-O, is that transmitted to other physicians who
24 may be within your department? I mean, is this a --